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In re application of

Robert E. Reuter, et al.

Serial No. 09/636,359

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HYBRID OFFICE PANEL  
CONSTRUCTION FOR A MODULAR  
OFFICE FURNITURE SYSTEM

**DECLARATION OF CHARLES ROZIER**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131**

I, Charles Rozier, declare as follows:

1. I, along with Robert E. Rueter and Wallace Bullwinkle, am an inventor of the Hybrid Office Panel Construction for a Modular Office Furniture System described and claimed in the patent application identified above.

2. Prior to May 15, 1997, we had conceived of the invention of the Hybrid Office Panel Construction for a Modular Office Furniture System as described and claimed in the present application as evidenced by the following:

A. During the month of March 1997, we prepared at least two (2) invention disclosure forms, describing the Hybrid Office Panel Construction and a Multifunctional Crown for a Modular Office Furniture System which we had conceived. Copies of the first pages of disclosure Nos. KNO97002 and KNO97003 dated March 3, 1997, are attached hereto as Exhibit A.

3. We were thereafter diligent in filing a patent application for the Hybrid Office Panel Construction for a Modular Office Furniture System as evidenced by the May 28, 1997 filing date of our above identified patent application.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statement were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of any patents issuing from the present application.

Date:

17 July 2002

  
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Charles Rozier

# EXHIBIT A

# Knoll, Inc. INVENTION DISCLOSURE FORM

EXPRESS MAIL TO: Patent 329 Railroad St., East Greenville, Pa. 18041

Disclosure Nbr

**KNO97002**

**DISCLOSURE TITLE**

Hybrid Panel Construction (Box Beam)

**Knoll Location**

East Greenville, Pa.

**Disclosure Date**

Mar 3, 1997

**PRODUCT FAMILY**

Laurel & Hardy

**Print Full Name(s):**

**ROBERT EDWARD REUTER**

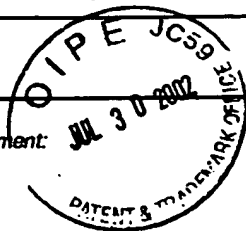
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**ABSTRACT**

Brief statement of the product or technology improvement:

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| 2) Has it been tried experimentally?  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 3) Is it now in use?  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 4) If not now in use, is it scheduled for use?                                | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
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# Knoll, Inc. INVENTION DISCLOSURE FORM

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Disclosure Nbr

**KNO97003**

**DISCLOSURE TITLE**

Multi-functional Cr wn

**Knoll Location**

East Greenville, Pa.

**Disclosure Date**

Mar 3, 1997

**PRODUCT FAMILY**

Laurel & Hardy

**Print Full Name(s):**

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